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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON: F. ALGAR, 11, Clement's Lane,

Lombard Street. (Grosvenor Street, 30,

Cornhill. Gordon & Gorton, 121, Hol-

born Hill, E. O. HARRIS & CO., 4 Old

Tory, E. O.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW

ZEALAND.—Gordon & Gorton, Mel-

bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports

generally:—W. H. BAKER, San

Francisco.

CHINA:—Gordon & Gorton, Amoy,

Swatow, Hongkong, Canton, and

Shanghai.

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New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Yearly General Meeting of the

Members of the Hongkong Club,

will be held at the Club House on FRI-

DAY, the second day of April next, at six

o'clock.

By order of the Committee.

T. BEATT,

Secretary.

Overs House,

Hongkong, March 25, 1869.

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against them will present them for settle-

ment by 31st March 1869.

FRED. M. HARSANT,

George A. A. NORMAN,

Hongkong, March 1, 1869.

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Lombard Street. GORDON & GOTTCH, 30,
Cornhill. GORDON & GOTTCH, 121, Hol-
born Hill, E.C. HAYES HENDY & CO.,
4 Old Bailey, E.C.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW
ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTTCH, Mel-
bourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports
generally.—W. WHITE & BAUER, San
Francisco.

CHINA.—Sutton, Drown & Co. Amoy,
Gordon & Gottch, Hongkong, and
Gordon & Gottch, Shanghai.
Mean BIELFELD & ZACH, Man-
ila. C. KARUTH & Co.

Arrivals.

March 30, *Lalaba*, British barque, 286,
Williams, Tokobana, Mar. 18, Ballast.
Order.
Mar. 30, *Sarah Maria*, N. G. barque,
356, Gode, San Francisco, Jan. 28, Gene-
ral—Russell & Co.

Departures.

March 31, *Madras*, for Shanghai.
31, *Benfador*, for Amoy.
31, *Sura*, for Whampoa.
31, *Zila*, for Fouchow.
31, *Amelia*, and *Constantia*, for
Sourabaya.
31, *Amador*, for Saigon.
31, *Vencedora*, for Whampoa.
31, *Perseus*, H.M.S., for England.

Shipping Reports.

The N. G. barque *Sarah* and *Maria*
(L. Gode, Commander), 61 days from San
Francisco, reports—Left the Bar of San
Francisco Jan. 28, for Hongkong; for the
first 9 days had stormy weather from S.E.,
S. and S.W. Feb. 19, passed in sight of
the Sandwich Islands, had afterwards a fair
but rather light trade wind as far as the
Mariana Islands, which was passed, in sight
of the Grigan Islands, on the 14th instant.
Thence until the 25th had very unsettled
weather—rain, storms and calms with light-
ning and thunder, the wind shifting very
nearly every day all round the compass,
followed by a very rough sea, on that date
passed in sight of the North Bacheo Is-
land, range of Marine Barometer during
that period from 29.90 to 30.01. Thence
until arrival, on the 30th inst., had strong
wind and squally weather from N.N.W. to
N.E. Exchange signals on the 24th of
March, in N. lat. 20.30 E. long. 123 with
a barque, steering to the North and East
port pendant N. 0580. [This must be an
error; probably either 5080 (*Henry Bell*) or
5880 (*Philadelpia*).]

New Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Steamship
"DOUGLAS,"
Capt. Toppin, will leave for
the above ports, on SUN-
DAY, the 4th April, at 8 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 31, 1869.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY
LIMITED.

R. C. LANGDON DAVIES having resign-
ed, Mr EDWARD BAKER has been ap-
pointed Secretary of the above Company
from this date.
Hongkong, March 31, 1869.

LOST.
A PHOTOGRAPH of a Young Girl.
Any person bringing this same to the Office
of this paper will be suitably rewarded.
Hongkong, March 30, 1869.

THE business heretofore carried on by
the undersigned, will, from this date
be continued under the Firm and Style of
FUTABOY AND ASSOCIATES. And all out-
standing accounts by the undersigned will
be settled, paid, and received by the above
Firm.

BUDROODIN ABDOLALLY.
Hongkong, March 30, 1869.

A GENTLEMAN of middle age, lately
arrived, who speaks the English,
French, German, Scandinavian and Span-
ish languages, is desirous of obtaining em-
ployment in a Commercial or Industrial
Establishment.
Letters marked "A. R." left at the office
of this paper, will be immediately person-
ally attended to.
Hongkong, March 29, 1869.

NOTICE.

THE SHANGHAI NEWS-LETTER.

ENLARGED to double its former size,
now affords a better medium of intel-
ligence from this quarter of the world. It
is published for the transmission of all the
current Mercantile, Political, and General
News of China and Europe. By the Pacific
Mail Steamers to America and Europe.
The Subscription to the *News-Letter* is
Two Dollars and a half per annum, for
subscribers in Shanghai, and Three Dol-
lars when mailed.
The authorized Agents for receiving Ad-
vertisements and Subscriptions are—
Mr J. W. SULLIVAN, 600, Sansome Street,
San Francisco.
London & China Express, 2, Cowper's
Court, Cornhill, London.
Messrs Wm. H. Fogg & Co., 32, Burling
Ship, New York.
Mr J. B. MORRIS, Hongkong.
Messrs H. Fogg & Co., Bund, Shanghai.
Shanghai, March 20, 1869.

ON and after April 1st, and until further
notice, the retail price of JCE will be
Four (4c) CENTS per pound.
H. O'HARA,
Agent Tudor Co.
Lee House,
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE.

THE Yearly General Meeting of the
Members of the Hongkong Club,
will be held at the Old House on FRI-
DAY, the second day of April next, at six
P.M.

By order of the Committee,
R. BEART,
Secretary.
Old House,
Hongkong, March 25, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON.

NOTICE.

SHARE No. 156 (Premia contributed
\$5880) has been placed in the hands
of the Society For Sale. Sealed Tenders
for purchase of same, marked "Tender for
Share No. 156," will be received until the
7th April, 1869.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
ROB. WATMORE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 24, 1869.

ARRIVAL OF THE MAIL.

THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS.

CONTAINS, in addition to the usual
Summary of Home and Foreign News,
a special and detailed account of the AME-
RICAN MAIL ROUTE, via San Francisco and
New York.

J. B. MORRIS,
Agent Queen's Road.
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

THE LONDON & CHINA EXPRESS.
Published in London for the P. & O.
Co.'s and French Mails, and contains—
Summary of Home, Parliamentary, and
Foreign News.

Special Correspondents' Letters from
Germany, Holland, &c.
Leading Articles on the principal inter-
ests of China.
Digest of Home Opinions on China Sub-
jects.

List of Passengers by the current and
succeeding Mails.
Naval and Military News.
Births, Marriages, and Deaths.
Commercial, Banking, Share Lists, &c.
Market Reports, Shipping News, Freight,
Exchange, &c., from London and
the Continent, New York, &c.
Statistics of Imports and Exports.

Statement of each Ship's Cargo for
China and Japan, and by the P. & O.
Mails.
Subscription—\$12 per Annum. With
Extra Supplement, \$14.50. Single Copies,
50 cents.

J. B. MORRIS,
Agent, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

PILGRIMAGE TO SANCIAN.

THE Very Reverend Monks GILBERTIN
having fixed SUNDAY, the 11th
April next, for the consecration of the Chapel
erected over the grave of St. FRANCIS
XAVIER. The steamer will start from
Hongkong direct to SANCIAN on SATUR-
DAY, the 10th April, at 12 o'clock Noon.
Passage tickets can be obtained from the
Undersigned, price \$5 each. No passenger
will be received on board without a ticket.
J. SQUZA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 24, 1869.

TO LET.

ONE FLOOR of a house in Queen's
Road, well situated.
ROB. S. WALKER & Co.
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONG- KONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Company's OFFICES are this day
REMOVED to the Ground Floor of
Messrs ROBERT S. WALKER & Co.'s House
at the corner of Lee House Street.
Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

WITH a view to the apportionment of
the Reserve Third of Profits, Share-
holders are requested to furnish the under-
signed on or before the 1st April next,
with a memorandum of the Profits con-
tributed by them to the above Company.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Liquidators.
Hongkong, March 13, 1869.

NOTICE.

ESTATE OF DENT & Co.

A Second DIVIDEND of Five per cent
upon the amount of all claims admit-
ted by the Trustees will be paid on the
16th May next.
On application to Mr. G. OVERBECK,
at the Office of the Trustees, No. 7, Ped-
der's Hill, Creditors will be furnished with
Warrants signed by the Trustees, which
will be payable at the Office of the HONG-
KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-
TION.
Hongkong, March 2, 1869.

NOTICE.

ON and after April 1st, and until further
notice, the retail price of JCE will be
Four (4c) CENTS per pound.
H. O'HARA,
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Lee House,
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

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the Colony, request that all persons
indebted to them will make immediate pay-
ment of same and all persons having claims
against them will present them for settle-
ment by 31st March 1869.
FRED. M. HARSANT.
GEORGE A. F. MORRIS.
Hongkong, March 1, 1869.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date, the style of
the Undersigned will be WARREN, SARGENT & CO.,
China Sugar Refinery,
East Point.
Hongkong, March 17, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ord-
inary Half Yearly Meeting of the
Shareholders of this Society, will be held
at the Head Office, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,
the first day of April proximo, at 3
o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors, together with
a statement of accounts to 31st December,
1868.
By order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT WATMORE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 10, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer Books of the Society will
be closed from the 18th day of March,
to the 1st day of April 1869, both days in-
cluded, during which period no transfer of
Shares can be registered.
By order of the Board of Directors,
ROBERT WATMORE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 10, 1869.

F. A. WHEELER,
HAIR-CUTTER & HAIR DRESSER,
26, Queen's Road,
(Opposite LANE & CRAWFORD'S.)
Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY AUCTION.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell
by Public Auction in their Sales
Rooms, Queen's Road, on
FRIDAY,
the 2nd April, at Noon,—
An Invoice of PAINT ex "ZETA,"
consisting of—
80 28lb. kegs White.
40 " " Red.
40 " " Dark Green.
40 " " Light " "
80 " " Black.
20 " " Yellow.
20 " " Blue.
25 5-gal. drums Boiled Oil.
10 " " Turpentine.
1 ton Hubbuck's Black Paint.
500 pairs Dawson's Boots assorted
styles, 10 cases Boker's Bitters, Rodgers'
Cutlery, 100 English Government Navy
Pistols, 2 cases Bryant and May's
Matches, Women's Stockings and Men's
Half Hose, 50 cases Brandy, 1 keg 112
lb. Tartaric Acid for Soda Water Manu-
facturing.

A quantity Rimmell's Toilet Soap,
Brown Linen, Russell Cords (in Brown,
Grey and assorted Colours) Porter in
quarts, Really first quality Alkopp's Ale
in pints and quarts, &c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.
All lots with all errors of description
whatever at purchaser's risk on the fall
of the hammer.
Hongkong, March 29, 1869.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have
received instructions to sell by
Public Auction, at Noon, on
TUESDAY,
the 13th April, at DEAR, the residence
of G. F. MACLEAN, Esq., The whole of
the FURNITURE, CHIEFLY ENGLISH
MADE, comprising—
Conches, Easy Chairs, Tables, Mar-
queterie Cabinets, Gilt Mirrors, Cor-
nices, Writing Tables, Whatnots, Punc-
kals, Iron Bedsteads with Spring Mat-
tresses, Wardrobes with Plate Glass
Doors, Dressing Tables, Washstands,
&c., &c., &c.
Silver and Plated Ware, China and
Glassware, &c., &c.

A Semi-Grand Piano by BROADWOOD,
(made expressly for this climate).
A Sewing Machine (WHEELER AND
WILSON).
A large-size Magic Lantern, complete.
A Fine Californian Cow.
A set Double-barrel, nearly new.
Also,
One Billiard Table (LAZARUS & Co.),
with Fittings, Benches, &c., complete.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
All lots, with all faults and errors of
description, at Purchaser's risk on the
fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, March 23, 1869.

Auctions.

THE Undersigned has received in-
structions to sell by Public Auc-
tion, on
TUESDAY,
the 31st day of April, 1869, at Noon, on
the Premises,—
Those Lots of Land, situate in Queen's
Road East, and registered in the Land
Office, as—
Inland Lot No. 526, containing in the
whole 8000 square feet,
Inland Lot No. 517, containing in the
whole 4000 square feet, together with
the substantially built granite Godown
erected thereon.
For further particulars, apply to the
Undersigned.
TERMS OF SALE.—One half of the pur-
chase money to be paid on the fall of the
hammer, the balance on completion of
the deeds of transfer, the expenses of
which to be paid by the purchaser.
Property to be at the risk of the pur-
chaser from the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 20, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
on
SATURDAY,
the 3rd April, 1869, at 12 o'clock, Noon,
at his Sales Rooms, Commercial Bank
Buildings,—
All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND,
situate at Pokfulam and registered in
the Land Office as Farm Lot No. 29.
The Lot contains in the whole ten
and a quarter acres.
After which and at the same time and
place, will be sold, all those Lots of
Land situate at Sowkeevan and regis-
tered in the Land Office, as Inland Lots.
No. 105 con'g in the whole 9000 sq. feet
" 106 " " 3000 sq. feet
" 107 " " 9000 sq. feet
" 108 " " 3000 sq. feet
" 118 " " 2500 sq. feet
" 137 " " 4000 sq. feet
For further particulars apply to the
Undersigned.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the pur-
chase money to be paid on the fall of the
hammer, and the balance on completion of
the deeds of transfer. All expenses of
transfer to be paid by the Purchaser.
Property to be at the risk of the Pur-
chaser from the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned will sell by Public
Auction, on
THURSDAY,
the 1st April, 1869, at 12 o'clock, at
his Sales Room, Commercial Bank Build-
ings,—
50 doz. cakes Transparent Soap.
1000 lbs. Dees' Wax.
20 cases Pickles, assorted.
5 cases, each 12 Cheeses.
30 doz. Worcester Sauce.
8 cases Mineral Water.
10 gross Tooth Brushes.
50 Chimney Glasses, assorted sizes.
6 Cheval Glasses, Mahogany
Frames.
20 Tieves Mess Beef.
4 cases, each 20 boxes Yellow
Soup.
30 gross Alpaca Braid.
30 doz. girls' white Cotton Hose,
Nos. 2, 3 and 4.
20 doz. men's brown Cotton & Hose.
50 doz. men's white Cotton & Hose.
20 doz. ladies' white Cotton Hose.
4 doz. men's bryon Cotton Shirts.
5 cases Tobacco.
An Invoice of Drills, Ducks, Cambric
Handkerchiefs.
Colored Tom Thumb and Regent Ties,
Scafs and Rings, Flannels, Prints,
&c., &c., &c.
Also,
An Invoice of Stationery, comprising:
Account Current Paper, Cream and Blue
Laid Foolscap and Letter Paper, Ruled
Letter Paper, Note Paper, Envelopes,
Quill Pens,
&c., &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 30, 1869.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
THE Undersigned has received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,
at his Sales Rooms, Commercial Bank
Buildings, on
SATURDAY,
the 3rd April, 1869, at Noon,—
The following Household Furniture,
comprising Chairs, Tables, Couches,
Bedsteads, Mirrors, Wardrobes, Pictures,
Washstands and Scafs, &c., &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 30, 1869.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received in-
structions from C. J. EMERY, Esq.,
Paymaster, U. S. N., to sell by Public
Auction, the following condemned Pro-
visions, (Clothing, &c., on
FRIDAY,
the 2nd day of April 1869, at 12 o'clock,
at the U. S. Naval Depot, Wanchi,—
Bread. Barrels Beef. Butter.
Flour. Barrels Pork. Pickles.
Rice. Preserved Meats. Tobacco.
Beans. " Vegetables.
Coffee. Dried Apples.
Blue Sateen, Flanne, Sheetting-Frocks,
Trowsers, Overshirts, Undershirts, Black
Silk Handkerchiefs, Shoes, &c., &c.
A quantity of Manila Rope, Tow
Lines and Hawseers, Old Brass, Copper,
Shell Boxes, Old Iron, &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery
in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 29, 1869.

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received in-
structions from the Mortgagees to
sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY,
the 2nd day of April, 1869, at 1 past 4
p.m., on the Premises, under the power
of sale contained in the deed of Mort-
gages,—
Inland Lot No. 335, with the Chinese
House thereon, situate and being No.
36, Jardine's Bazaar, East Point.
For further particulars, apply to the
Auctioneer, or to Mr EDWARD SHARP,
Solicitor.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of purchase
money to be paid on fall of the ham-
mer, and the balance on completion of the
deed of transfer, the expenses of which
to be paid by the purchaser.
Property to be at the risk of the
purchaser from the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, March 19, 1869.

Shipping.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The American ship
"HELVETIA,"
Capt. BAILEY, will have quick
despatch for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1869. tf.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The American ship
"NATIONAL EAGLE,"
Captain NICKERSON, will have
quick despatch for the above
port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
Hongkong, February 26, 1869. apr2

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Company's
Steamship "Danae," are requested
to send in their Bills of Lading, for
counter-signature, and to take delivery of
their Goods before the 11th Instant, or
they will be landed and stored at their risk
and expense.

C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.
Hongkong, March 8, 1869. tf

"ZIBA" FROM LONDON.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-
named vessel are requested to send in
their Bills of Lading to the undersigned for
counter-signature, and to take immediate
delivery of their Goods: Cargo impeding the
discharge of the vessel will be landed and
stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims for Damaged Goods or short
delivery of parts of packages or cases will
be allowed after the Cargo has left the
Vessel's side.

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 8, 1869. tf

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of the following Packages
per Brit. barque Meteor, from Syd-
ney, are requested to communicate with the
Undersigned, and take immediate delivery
of their Goods, or they will be landed and
stored at their risk and expense.

K. 5 packages, Merfies, shipped by Alder-
man, son & Co.
N. 48 cases Preserved, shipped by Ra-
wlinson, son & Co.
A. 7 cases Copper, shipped by Chen
& Co.
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 23, 1869. tf

THE following cases have been landed
and stored at the risk and expense of
the Consignees, who are requested to take
immediate delivery.

Ex "Hoggy," 31st October, 1868.
1 case Arms.
Ex "Cambridge," 2d February, 1869.
1 case Chemicals.
Ex "Dohm," 13th March, 1869.
1 case Stationery.
O. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.
Hongkong, March 17, 1869.

Notices of Firms.

MR S. H. DAVID is authorized to sign
our Firm per procuration from this
date.
E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, March 1, 1869. apl

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE AD-
JUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.
O. LANGDON DAVIES.
Hongkong, July 1, 1869.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
WILLIAM NELSON in our Firm ceased
on the 30th June last.
Mr THOMAS PEARCE, Mr WILLIAM NISSEN
OLMSTED and Mr H. SEYMOUR GRANT
are authorized to sign our Firm in Hongkong
and China from this date.
OLYPHANT & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

MR M. this date Mr GEORGE E. LANE,
will act as Agent of the Pacific Mail
Steamship Company at this port.
GEO. F. BOWMAN.
Hongkong, March 15, 1869.

NOTICE.
THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF
HONGKONG & WHAMPOA LIMITED

MR ROBERT S. WALKER has this day
been appointed Secretary to the Com-
pany, and Mr JOHN LEWIS, the present
Acting Secretary, resumes his functions as
Managing Engineer for the Company.
By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN INGLIS,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, March 3, 1869.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr
GEORGE WILHELM SCHWEMANN and of
Mr RUDOLPH THOMSEN in our Firm ceased
on the 31st December 1867, and 31st Decem-
ber 1868 respectively.
Mr KROEMER NISSEN has this day been admitted
partner in our Firm at Hongkong and in
China, which now consists of Mr GEORGE
THEODOR NISSEN, Mr WOLFGANG NISSEN,
Mr ADOLPH JOSEF, Mr FERDINAND
NISSEN and Mr HENRIKHOFF NISSEN.
SILMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1869. apr2

NOTICE.
MR D. O. CLARK retires from our Firm,
and Mr J. MURRAY FORBES and
Mr E. D. BARBOUR are admitted Partners
from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
China, January 1, 1869. July2

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
FREDERICK PEDDER in our Firm
ceased from this date.
H. D. BROWN & Co.
Amoy, December 31, 1868. apr2

MR. FRANCIS CHOMLEY is a Partner in
our Firm, which from this date will
be conducted under the Name of BROWN
& Co.
H. D. BROWN & Co.
Amoy, January 1, 1869. apr2

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr CRAIG BUDEN
to sign our Firm from this date.
DREYER & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1869.

For Sale.

NOTICE.
SELLING OFF AT COST PRICE.
ONE MONTH ONLY.

ON and after the 17th proximo, the Store
of the Undersigned will positively be
closed, but in the meantime they offer at
COST PRICE
The whole of their Immense Stock
as follows:—

SHIP CHANDLERY.
Russian Rope, Hauling, Marline, Rat-
line, Seizing Staff, and Hambroline, Mast
Hoops, Rib-Hooks, Emery and Sand Paper,
Ham and Cotton Canvas, Parcelling, Drill-
ing, Blocks, Brushes of all kinds, Tar,
Varnish, Leather and Canvas Hose.

OILMAN'S STORES.
Pickles, Mustard, Sage, Arrowroot, Ta-
picoca, Pearl Barley, Raisins, Capers, Chut-
ney, and Curry-Powder, Sauces, and Kes-
chups, Cream Tartar, Soda, Saleratus,
Coffee, Sugar, Milk, Flavoring Extracts,
Essence of Jamaica Ginger, Bologna Saus-
ages, Game Pies, Hominy, Preserved
Meats, Soups, Fruits, and Vegetables.

**CAKE-PAINTERS AND ENGINEERS'
TOOLS & STORES:**
Augers, Chisels, Gongs, Files, Fore-
saws, (Iron and Brass) Hammers, Hatchets, Axes,
Adzes, Saws, Planes, Hinges, Trysquares,
Compasses, Screw Drivers, Braces and
Bits, Hemp, Rubber and Tuck's Packing,
Anvils, Emery Powder, Tube Brushes,
Belting, Taps and Dies, Water and Gauge
Cocks, Boiler Plates.

IRONMONGERY.
Ship and House Cooking Stoves, Parlor
Grates, Saucepans, Handbells, Locks of all
kinds, Shovel, Spades,
FAIRBANKS' PLATFORM SCALES.
Iron SAFES.
Plated, Glass and Crockery WARE.
Sherry and Port WINES.

**BRANDY and WHISKY in bottles and
cases.**
**GIN, RUM, LIQUEURS and RHINE
WINE.**
ALE & PORTER.
And,
Sundry other GOODS.

CHARTS at 40.50 each.
THOS. HUNT & Co.
Hongkong, March 17, 1869. apr17

Per "Mail Steamer" and late Arrivals.
MISS ROSE
HAS received a choice assortment of
French GLASSES, black and colored,
BREGES and FANCY DRESSES, black
and colored piece VELVETS and SATINS
in the newest shades.
Plain and Fancy RIBBONS, VEL-
VETS, SASH RIBBONS, and DRESS
TRIMMINGS in great variety, Real
OLIVINE and VALENTINE LACES.
Ladies' and Children's trimmed and
untrimmed HATS in all the fashionable
shapes.

Ladies' BONNETS latest styles, Plain
and Fancy SUNSHADES, French FANS,
&c.
Ladies' and Gentlemen's French Kid
GLOVES and BOOTS.
Ladies' White Satin and Kid BOOTS.
A large assortment of French and Eng-
lish HOSIERY, Gentlemen's Black and
Drab Shell HATS, SHIRTS, COLLARS,
TIES, &c., &c.
Henriette's PERFUMERY.
WELLINGTON STREET.
Opposite the Catholic Chapel.
Hongkong, February 13, 1869.

NEW GOODS.

Ex "Black Prince" and "Ziba."
BRASS BED-STEADS.
DELICACIES for Macao Trips.
Despatch BOXES and DESKS.
STATIONERY.
HENRIETTA, PARAMATTA, &c., &c.,
for the opening season.

ELECTRO PLATE.
TEAPOTS for early morning Tea.
Lighting CONDUTORS.
Pressure GAUGES.
Leather CLOTH.
Fire BRICKS.
Globe CROCKERY.
Tuscan STRAWS.
Patent WATER-CLOSETS.
HATS, UMBRELLAS.
Fishing LINES.
Leather BELTING for Machinery.
Bacquet BALLS.
PERFUMERY.
Dress-TRIMMINGS.
Krug's CHAMPAGNE.
Fine Port WINE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, March 18, 1869. apr12

S. W. BAKER & Co.,
BEG to invite inspection of their New
B STOCK for the Season, received per
late arrivals, including:—
Ladies' Hats, Bonnets, Opera Cloaks,
Dresses in plain and fancy Silks, Poplin-
ettes, Rept, and new Textures, French
Robes, ready made, French Sashes, Belts,
Jackets and Mantles, new shape Jupons,
white and scarlet Corsets, Lace Falls, Lace
and other Trimmings, Ribbons, and Kid
Boots and Kid Gloves. A large assortment
of Wool and Embroidery Works, as Cushion
Patterns, Smoking Caps, Mantle Sets, &c.

Sangster's Umbrellas, Christy's new shape
Felt and Shell Hats, a choice lot of Neck
Scarfs, Ties, Wrappers, Collars, Socks,
Fancy Tweeds and Costings, Braces, &c.

Brussels Carpets, Velvet Pile Carpets
and Rugs, All Wool Damasks, Lace Cur-
tains, Table Covers in great variety, Da-
mask Table Cloths in all sizes, Table Nap-
kins, D'Yvoire, Blankets, Counterpanes,
Sheetings, Flannels, Wool Mats, Turkish
and other Towels, &c.

Children's Trimmed Hats, Boots, Para-
muntlers, Picture Books, Toys, &c.
Dressing Cases, and Travelling Bags
fitted for Ladies and Gentlemen, Playing
Cards, and a large assortment of Stationery
and Perfumery Goods.
S. W. BAKER & Co.
Hongkong, December 22, 1868.

For Sale.

FOR THE RACES.

SAYLE & Co.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
HONG KONG.
HAVE RECEIVED EX MAIL STEAMER.

A Large assortment of MILLINERY,
BONNETS, and HATS, of the
latest fashions.

A Choice assortment of SILK, MUS-
LIN, and GREYDINE, for Evening
Wear.

A fine assortment of new French FLOW-
ERS, HEAD-DRESSES and FEATHERS.

A large assortment of new TRIM-
MINGS and FRINGES in all colors.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Kid GLOVES,
in white and colors, all sizes.

Gentlemen's Drab Shell and Felt HATS.

Blue and Green GOSSAMERS, &c.

(BRANDY ESTABLISHMENT,
20, Fochow Road, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 3, 1869.

New Advertisements.

FOR NAGASAKI.
The Russian schooner
"VIKENTY,"
Capt. PERKINS, will have quick
despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 31, 1869. apr15

FOR MANILA.
The 41st North German barque
"SARAH & MARIA,"
Capt. GODE, will have quick de-
spatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, March 31, 1869. apr15

MESSRS. KOSS & Co.
BEG to inform the public of Hongkong
that they had established themselves
as
TAILORS & GENERAL OUTFITTERS.
on the premises hitherto occupied by Messrs
LADAROS, OBEKE & Co.
Having secured the services of an ex-
perienced European Cutter, and also having
received per late arrivals a very superior
stock of NEW GOODS, of the latest pat-
terns, they are prepared to meet all the re-
quirements of the present season.

A large stock of Ready-made CLOTH-
ING, of the latest Fashions, always on
hand.
KOSS & Co.,
Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, February 6, 1869.

GREAT REDUCTION.

Closing of Business.
HE Undersigned, who is closing his bu-
siness in May next, begs most re-
spectfully to offer to the public, his large
selection of Photographs, at the following
low rates, an opportunity that should not
be lost; patrons wishing to have copies
from their negatives can have them at
greatly reduced rates.

Views in set of 50 each, ... \$20.
Views in set of 25 each, ... \$12.50
W. P. FLOYD.
Hongkong, March 12, 1869. tf.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

FROM this date the Management of the
Hongkong Hotel is placed in charge
of Mr GEORGE E. FORBES, to whom all com-
munications should be addressed.
LEE A FONG,
Lessee.
Hongkong Hotel,
March 8, 1869. tf

GRAND PHOTOGRAPHIC RAFFLE.
OF 6000 PHOTOGRAPHS OF HONG-
KONG, ETC., ETC., ETC.
ALL Prizes; Highest Prize 50 Photo-
graphs; Lowest Prize 12 Photographs,
at \$5 per Chance.
Will take place on or about the 12th of
April next.

The Undersigned, who is about leaving
Hongkong, at an early date, begs to return
his sincere thanks to his Patrons, for past
favours; is compelled to leave China this
Summer for Europe.

Begs to remind the public that the average
price of the above Raffle is only about
30 cents each—a chance that will not again
be offered in this Colony; on the contrary,
Photographs will advance in price, and fall
in quality, after the closing of this Estab-
lishment.

Those who wish to have a first-class
CARTE DE VISITE, will do well to pay us a
visit as soon as possible; this Establishment
will be closed in May next.
Reduced Price List on application.
FLOYD & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1869. apr10

**THE Undersigned hereby inti-
mates that he has this day
received the appointment of Sur-
veyor to FRENCH LLOYDS**
under date of December 22nd,
1868.
ROBT. McMURDO.
Hongkong, January 9, 1869.

New Advertisements.

BILLIARDS, BOWLS, AND BAR.

NOTICE.
THE ORIENTAL BAR, BILLIARD ROOMS,
and BOWLING ALLEYS, having been
enlarged and fitted up in a very superior
style unequalled by any in the Colony, the
Proprietors Re-open the above on Monday,
the 11th January, 1869, to their friends
and the public, and trust with civility,
Good Liquors and the well-known re-
putation of this old-established House, to
merit a share of their patronage. There
are three first class Billiard Tables in a
large airy and well-lighted room. The
Bowling Alley needs no comment.
BROWN & Co.,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, January 9, 1869. tf

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Fortnightly Market Circulars pub-
lished by the CHAMBER, will in future
be deliverable from the Office of the Under-
signed from 10 A.M. of the morning prece-
ding the steamer's departure. The Circulars
are at the disposal of non-Members, on ap-
plication to the Secretary, who will furnish
particulars of cost, &c.

J. W. WOOD,
Secretary.
Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 12, 1869.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-
ING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Unpaid
Capital of One Hundred Dollars per
Share on the 20,000 New Shares of the
Corporation's Stock will fall due on the
dates following, viz:—
On 1st July, 1869, \$25
1st July, 1870, 25
1st Jan., 1872, 25
1st Jan., 1873, 25

Shareholders electing to pay the whole
or any portion of the above Calls by antici-
pation will receive interest at the rate of
5 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly,
until the respective dates at which the
Calls shall fall due, and receipts for such
payments will be issued at the Head Office
and Branches.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 2, 1869.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year
ending on 31st December last, at the
rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say
\$7.50 per paid-up Share of \$125, and \$1.60
per Share on which \$25 have been paid, is
payable on and after MONDAY, the 22nd
Instant, at the Office of the Corporation,
where Shareholders are requested to apply
for Warrants.

By order of the Court of Directors,
VICTOR KRESSER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 15, 1869.

WANTED, by a European, an engage-
ment for two or three years; is well
up in Boiler-making, Iron Ship Building,
Ship's Smith-work, &c. Can make his own
Drawings and Estimates. Three years' ex-
perience from one of the principal Firms
in China; will be disengaged in a few weeks.
Address—"B. M." STAG HOTEL.
Hongkong, March 5, 1869. apr15

SAIL-MAKING.
FAWCETT & Co., having secured the
services of an experienced Sail-Maker,
are prepared to MAKE or REPAIR SAILS at
very reasonable rates.
Hongkong, December 10, 1868. tf

"STAG HOTEL."

Queen's Road, Hongkong.
EDMUND R. HOLMES,

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS
COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.—On and after the first day of
March next, the office of this Com-
pany, situated over the Hongkong Dis-
pensary will be closed. Letters can how-
ever be left as heretofore in a box placed
for the purpose within the same building.

The Company's Stock of Chandlery and
other Fittings will, after the above date, be
on view at the premises of Messrs LANE,
CRAWFORD & Co., Queen's Road.
A. NEWTON,
Manager.
Hongkong, February 18, 1869. my18

FAWCETT & Co.,

WINE & SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
GENERAL STORE KEEPERS, AND
COMMISSION AGENTS,
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M. J. THOMSON is prepared to take
PORTRAITS, VIEWS and other
PHOTOGRAPHS.—Rooms, Commercial
Bank Buildings, Queen's Road.
Hongkong, March 11, 1869. tf

THE Firm of Messrs. GIER, LIVINGSTON
& Co., of Hongkong, is instructed to
ascertain the whereabouts of DON RAFAEL
YDEGORAS, 18 years of age, native of Gu-
atemala, in Central America, to impart to
him a matter in which he is concerned.
He is therefore requested to apply to the
above.

HONGKONG. February 5, 1869. 5-t-m.

New Advertisements.

RE "TREATY PORTS OF CHINA
& JAPAN," AND "NOTES AND
QUERIES ON CHINA AND JAPAN."

EXTRACTS FROM REVIEWS.
(From the "Strait Times," July 27, 1868.)

Some time ago we had occasion to remark
upon the progress that Literature as repre-
sented by the Press had made and was
making in the East, and our attention has
again been called to the subject by the re-
ceipt of a Hongkong publication, which
deserves some notice and which we have
much pleasure in introducing to the know-
ledge of our readers. We allude to *Notes
and Queries on China and Japan*, published
monthly by Mr. Saint, the proprietor of the
China Mail newspaper. This publication
is well printed on good paper, and in size
and shape is very like its well-known name-
mate or prototype at home, and is equally a
mine containing very curious and useful
information regarding the language, litera-
ture, history, manners and customs of the
Chinese and in a less degree of the Japanese.
It says a good deal for the extent and
stability of the footing of Europeans in
China, that such a publication as this
should be established and conducted with
apparently successful vigour.

The publication is altogether a very in-
teresting one, and wishing it every success,
we commend it to the attention and support
of our readers.

(From the "Friend of India," June 4, 1868.)
We acknowledge with thanks the receipt
of the numbers for the current year of
"Notes and Queries," a most deserving
Anglo-Chinese monthly, edited by Mr. N.
B. Denny, whose "Treaty Ports of China
and Japan" are so well known. From the
names attached to the "Notes" we can see
that the contributors include some of the
best Chinese scholars in the East. Its in-
terest is not confined to China, and it will
be of valuable assistance to all scholars, who
have directed their attention towards the
subject of Buddhism and its literature, and
generally to all who are interested in ori-
ental antiquities. It deserves to be bet-
known in India.

(From the "London Examiner," May
16, 1868.)

This really useful volume ["Treaty Ports
of China and Japan"] is intended as a
guide for travellers and residents in China
and Japan, and as a book of reference for
mercantile men generally. It contains an
account, historical and political, of all the
open ports of these countries, together with
Fuking, Yedo, Hongkong, and Macao. It
has been carefully compiled and edited by
Mr. N. B. Denny; and the elaborate maps
and plans, with which the work abounds,
considerably enhance its value.

We have thus given in outline some of
the more prominent portions of the chapter
devoted to Canton, as a specimen of the
whole volume. Other chapters treating of
Macao, Formosa, Ningpo, Shanghai, and
the remainder of the treaty ports, we can
only enumerate. The pages describing
Fuking, the capital, are so interesting, and
contain so much that is new to European
readers respecting its history, public build-
ings, and general characteristics, that we
would fain transfer them to our columns.

A complete and intelligible plan of the Im-
perial City and its "borough," gives us an
accurate notion of the relative position of
its divisions, streets, and places.

In the introductory chapter to the notices
of the Treaty Ports of Japan will be found
a succinct history of that Empire, together
with remarks on its government, geography,
and limits, which will be found particularly
interesting as throwing a considerable light
on a part of the world so long entirely, and
still comparatively, unknown to Europeans.

The descriptions of Nagasaki, Yedo, Yo-
kohama, and the other Treaty Ports of
Japan, are as elaborate and entertaining as
those of the Chinese ports. A copious in-
dex and a useful appendix containing many
hints and much appropriate advice to tra-
vellers and others, is also included in the
volume. The entire work affords a vast
amount of information, pleasantly written,
and we doubt not will be perused with
interest by many who will never visit the
Eastern seas.

LATEST SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
March 31, *Leyceston*, British barque,
425, Sorensen, Bangkok, Feb. 24, General.
—S. E. BURKOW & SONS.

CLEARED.
Yesso, for Swatow.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British barque *Leyceston*, from
Bangkok, reports the first part of the pas-
sage fine weather and light winds from S.
E. and calms until 17th inst., then variable
weather and Southerly wind till 27th inst.,
when had cloudy weather and strong N.
E. to N. E. till arrival in port.

POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE.

For SAN FRANCISCO.—
Per "SHIRLEY" on Thursday, the
1st April, at 4 P.M.

For SAIGON.—
Per "FALCON" on Saturday next, the
3rd April, at 11 A.M.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.—
Per "YESSO" on Thursday, the 1st
April, at 11 A.M.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.—
Per "DOUGLAS" on Sunday, the 4th
Inst., at 7.30 A.M.

For MANILA.—
Per Barque "SANTA ANA" on Tues-
day, the 6th April, at 3 P.M.

UNDER DESPATCH.
For San Francisco.—Per *Shirley*, on
Thursday, the 1st April.

For Saigon.—Per *Falcon*, on Saturday
next, the 3rd April.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per
Yesso, on Thursday, the 1st April, at noon.

For Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.—Per
Douglas, on Sunday, the 4th Instant, at 8
A.M.

For Manila.—Per barque *Santa Ana*, on
Tuesday, the 6th April.

CARGOES.

(From the Canton Customs Daily Returns.)
Summary of Imports and Exports passed
at the Canton River Steamer Office during
the week ended 27th March.

Imported per *Kinschen* and *Poyang* from
Hongkong:—

494 bales Bengal Cotton.

Intimations

NOTICE.

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NOTIFICATION.

THE TEA TRADE AT CANTON.

THE following Notification has been issued

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THE following Notification has been issued by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton:—

Notification
No. 2.

BRITISH CONSULATE,
CANTON, February 26, 1860.

Representations having been made to the undersigned with reference to the

Representations having been made to the undersigned with reference to the difficulties experienced in obtaining the fulfillment of contracts through the failure of the Teamen and Brokers to supply Teas bulk according to the

dark according to the muster upon which they were purchased, he brought the matter, in conjunction with the Consul for the United States, before the Chinese authorities, with a view to devising some mode by which the evil complained of might be rectified. It is obvious that the remedy leads to a great extent in the hands of the purchasers themselves, by the refusal of the Teas if they were inferior to the samples, but difficulties interpose in following this

course, such as Tonnage having been engaged, advices having gone forward, and others unnecessary to mention. Moreover, as the rejection of a chop was little likely to cause loss or damage to the Teaman owing to market fluctuations, no unwillingness was felt on his part to such a result. In fact, it was an encouragement to fraudulent practices. The undersigned was therefore of opinion that compelling the fulfilment

ment or contracts or enforcing what is termed an "equitable cut" for inferior quality, were necessary measures, if trade was to be conducted on anything like a sound basis; he therefore directed his attention to devising a mode of arbitration

proceeding by means of which the expense and delay of a Chinese court of law might be avoided. It is not worth while to detail the particulars of the proposition he made, as, after long negotiations, it was rejected by the Tea guild, who met it by a counter proposition that if Tea when delivered was not equal to muster, it should be rejected. Seeing that no amicable arrangement could be arrived at, the undersigned, in conjunction with the General Consul,

requested the Chinese authorities to notify the Teamen, brokers, and others, to the utmost rigour of the law would be enforced in all cases of fraudulent practices, and he hopes that the Proclamation which has been issued accordingly, a copy of translation of which is annexed, will have the effect intended, by showing the parties against whom it is directed that they will

(Signed) D. B. ROBERTSON,
Consul.

Proclamation by CHEN, Magistrate of the
Nanhai District, and YANG, Magistrate of
the Pwangu District :—

We have received instructions from His
Honour the Financial Commissioner, embody-
ing orders from his Excellency the Viceroy
in tenor as follow :—

The Viceroy received a communication
on the 29th

on the 26th August last from the British Consul, Mr Robertson, to the effect that he has been addressed by the British merchants at Canton with reference to the great loss and detriment to their trade caused by the inferior qualities of the Teas supplied by the Teamen, notwithstanding their contracts to deliver Teas according to muster-plates. The practice appears to be that the Teamen brokers take round samples of Teas, and deliver the merchants after inspecting and tastin-

their qualities and arranging for the price to be paid for the chop, with the weight, the season and the time of delivery, engage to manage by vessels proceeding to England and when the Teas agreed for arrive in Canton, they are found on inspection to be not only far inferior in quality to the sample supplied, but largely mixed with what are called 'lie-teas,' or leaves of plants of all kinds prepared to imitate the genuine teas. This has now become the general

practice, and it is necessary that some measures should be taken to put an end to the frauds which are thus perpetrated. He therefore urges that measures be devised with this end in view, etc., etc. The U. S. Consul, Mr. King, has also made a similar representation. On receipt of the foregoing the Viceroy orders that a notification be issued to the Tea dealers with injunctions to be laid upon them for their obedience."

The Magistrates being in receipt of the above instructions, have to issue a notification in pursuance of their tenor; and would therefore accordingly proclaim for the instruction of all members of the Free Trade, that it is an obvious duty to make honesty and good faith the guiding principles of commerce with foreign merchants; and that to cherish fraudulent designs can in no wise be permitted. They should, moreover bear in mind that the bulk of the Free

export has been confined of late years to the ports of Fukien, whilst the local trade in Canton teas itself has at the same time languished in an unusual degree. If fraudulent practices in the way of false packing be further persisted in, not only will those guilty of such acts be liable to prosecution and thus incur the danger of arrest and of actions for compensation, but the trade itself will continue to fall off daily, and the

possibility of gain to the trader will be still more remote. It is not difficult to perceive on which side the real interest of the dealer actually lies. After the issue of this Notification, if the traders referred to fail to amend their ways, and still continue indulging in fraudulent practices, on complaint being lodged by foreign merchants, they shall not only be required to make compensation, but shall further be visited

with severe punishment, under the statute for assimilating the offence of obtaining money under false pretences with the crime of robbery. Be ye careful, therefore, not to disobey, and thus to involve yourselves in trouble. Let all tremblingly obey. A special Proclamation.
Dated February 22nd, 1869.
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